(iv) Market Associations and Residents Associations have been asked to maintain constant vigilance in the market and residential area against suspicious-looking articles.

Committee as a follow up of Vohra Committee report

1664. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sometime back set up a five member official committee as follow-up of Vohra Committee report;

(b) whether that Committee has released any of its report; and

(c) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) In persuance of the recommendations of Vohra Committee Report, a Nodal Group comprising 5 members has been set up.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Establishment of Oil Refinery

1665. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether different sites have been finalised in Orissa for the establishment of oil refineries;

(b) if so, the country with the collaboration of which the oil refineries are proposed to be set up in Orissa;

(c) the capacities of those proposed oil refineries; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the establishment of those oil refineries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) ICC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) on 16.9.1995 for setting up a 6 MMTPA refinery in Eastern India as a joint ventrue project. The exact location of the refinery and the other details will be decided based on Detailed Feasibility Report. Government has already accorded stage-I clearence for the project. Action for preparation of DFR has been initiated by IOC.

An LOI has been issued to M/s. Ashok Leyland-GOTCO in August, 1992 for setting up of 6.00 MMTPA refinery at Orissa. The progress of the projects are reviewed to expedite implementation.

Bids for Super National Highways

1666. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether preliminary feasibility studies have been commissioned on alT the seven corridors of the Super National Highway stretch and if so, whether the bids have been received till now;

(b) whether Government propose to offer the option of handling 30 per cent of the volume of work at lowest bid rates to the Consultancy agency in lieu of fee for conducting the feasibility study;

(c) the quantum of funds assured by private investors for building selected segments of Super National Highway corridors; and

(d) the plans to raise funds for acquisition of land by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The National Highways Authority of India on behalf of the Government have invited global tenders from parties interested in conducting feasibility studies for the proposed Super National Highways on this condition.

(c) Too early to indicate.

(d) As far as funds for land acquisition

is concerned, it will be made available by Government. OIC Countries' Statement on Kashmir

1667. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SAMBHAJIRAI SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement on Jammu & Kashmir reportedly issued by the Organisation of Islamic .Countries (OIC) at its annual coordination meeting in October this year;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what is the response of OIC and its member countries thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) The communique issued at the conclusion of the OIC coordination meeting in New York in October 1995, contained references to Jammu & Kashmir. Government rejected these reference as false and misleading.

Government have fully briefed the OIC countries about the situation in J&K, Pakistan's promotion and support of terrorism in J&K and Pakistan's propagandist attempts to internationalise the Kashmir issue and to give it a religious bias.

OIC has not responded to Government' reaction. However, many OIC member countries, with whom India has cordial relations, have conveyed that OIC statment on J&K does not reflect a consensual viewpoint of member countries.

Amount Spent on Development of Ports

1668. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) The total amount of investment made on the development of major ports during the 8th Five Year plan period so far;

(b) the year-wise and port-wise details thereof;

(c) the different developmental activities undertaken in different ports and

(d) the details thereof?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI *M.* RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) An outlay of Rs. 2984 crores was orginally provided in 8th Five Year Plan 1992-97 for further development of Major Ports. The yearwise and port-wise details of the actual expenditure/outlays provide/] during 8th Plan is given in Statement-I *(See* below).

(c) and (d) At present, there are 14 major projects under implementation at various major ports. A list of these projects is at Statement-II *(See* below).